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GAMBLING.

There was a clear headed old Spanner in France, who when anything went wrong said "cherchez la femme." Look for the woman. He was one of those old sinners who knew, or thought he knew that all evil came from the daughters of Eve, no doubt he had reason for his opinion, though he did belong to a celibate church. The story comes up to one's mind when one hears of an attempt to make this territory an open place for gambling and finds that such a scheme is backed by a large number of votes in the House. It is not "cherchez la femme," but it is very certainly "cherchez les hommes," look for the men. Any such scheme for gambling is backed by some one who hopes to make a fortune out of the plan.

We may at once dismiss the idea that Messrs. Mahoe, Kaniho and the very reverend J. K. Hihio evolved this scheme out of their own stupendous brains. Great as those organs are, and no one wants to belittle them, this scheme was probably in advance of what they might have brought to fruition. The germ of the idea comes from the mainland and finds a ready soil here.

It is not the first time that it has been proposed to make a Monte Carlo of these Islands. The proposal has been considered by Hawaiian monarchs of the past, and has proved a rock upon which their fortunes have been wrecked. Is it going to be used as a bait to men who are using the franchise granted by the Congress of the United States? It looks very much like it.

We may take it for granted that no Hawaiian of his own volition would propose an open gambling law, but we may also take it as a fair certainty that there are both white and yellow races who would be only too delighted to have the opportunity of carrying on gambling outfits. Hawaii has been called the Paradise of the Pacific, were free gambling allowed Hawaii would very soon become the Hell of the Pacific.

There is no doubt of what The Star says. There are many vices, loathsome, degenerating, enervating. There is no vice more pregnant with danger to the body politic than gambling. Drinking is a terrible vice. It is true that it has wrecked homes, and left children and women destitute, but it has never, at its worst committed greater crimes against the race than gambling. The following after Balaam and her very plentiful posterity has done infinite harm, but it has not done anything like the harm that gambling has done. Both wine and women have been used as curses to our race, but on the other hand both wine and women have done the best for our race. Wine has brought back the fading and failing strength. Woman has been the nurse, to soothe the sick pillow. Wine, according to the Scripture, has made glad the heart of man. Woman has been the greatest aspiration, and the purest ideal that man has ever had placed before him. Both are glorious gifts which God gave to the world. That they may have been misused and disgraced is man's own fault. It was a vicious age which gave us the verse

"Balnea, vina, Venus corruptum corpora nostra,"

baths, wine and women corrupt our bodies. Cleanliness, strength and purity must assist us, do assist us. It is only our own degraded use which has vitiated them. They do not corrupt us, we corrupt them.

But of gambling nothing good can be said. Gambling is vice pure and simple. It never helped mankind in any way. There is no country and no age which has not put forth its interdiction against gambling. There has never been any one who has defended it. Gambling is a glittering vice it is true. Were this place to be thrown open to gambling we should have the city crowded with all the scoundrels of the West and of the East. We would have to quadruple our police force and then would not be able to cope with all the crime and criminals which would be the result of admitting a very fiend into our midst. Even with a gambling law, it is hard enough to keep gambling within bounds, but let loose as proposed in the Legislature there would be no bounds, and murder and suicide, assaults, and crimes against the person would soon be the commonest of cases on the criminal calendar.

What one would like to find out is who is responsible for this gambling move. Does it come from a syndicate of white gamblers from the Mainland, or from some emissary of theirs on the Islands, or does it come from the Chinese. Should gambling be open here there would be no difficulty for any one who knows how to manage or whom to write to, to get capital by return mail to start a gambling house, or half a dozen gambling houses. On the other hand we all know how anxious the Chinese are to have open gambling and how ready they are to put up money in order to gain the privilege of unrestricted gambling. Big money would be put up by Chinatown if gambling could be run openly.

From one or other of these sources and perhaps from both has come this inspiration for an open gambling bill. Not that the Hawaiian is averse to gambling, the taint of the desire to obtain money and not work for it, is as strong in the Hawaiian blood as it is in any other race. But no Hawaiian Legislator would have ventured to put forward the open gambling scheme unless very strongly urged by outside influence.

The position of the Home Rule party upon this matter is most illogical. The party has brought in a bill, the ostensible object of which is to prevent the evils of intemperance from drinking. Whether the bill will do that or not is quite another matter. There is a strong feeling among those who have carefully considered the bill that it gets much of its support because those behind it think they can get liquor cheaper than they do now. But this is neither here nor there. The ostensible reason for the dispensary bill is in the cause of temperance. Yet a wing of the same party which has pledged itself to carry the dispensary bill, is bringing forward a measure for open gambling which is infinitely more harmful than all the liquor saloons in the country.

The Mahoe gambling bill, it is true, was turned down by the very narrowest majority. But it will come up again for consideration along with the Makekahu gambling bill, and the octopus which has so long been eager to get Hawaii into its maw, will once more have a try. Against open gambling men and women, no matter what their politics or their church beliefs may be, should line up. If there could be a greater curse to the Territory, the present writer cannot think of it. Gambling is worse than plague, worse than drink, worse than any vice known to the human race.

CITIZENSHIP.

If Dr. Russel should prove not to be an American citizen it will be a very serious thing for any measures passed by the Senate. His signature attached to bills will be invalid, and the bills themselves will be vitiated. The Legislature, having a majority may choose to ignore the citizenship of Dr. Russel, but the courts will not. When the laws have been passed they may prove utterly worthless, through this technicality.

The Star does not know whether Dr. Russel is or is not an American citizen. It is certain, however, that Dr. Russel was not an Hawaiian citizen at the time of annexation, and therefore he did not become an American citizen through that channel as so many of our foreign population have done. If Dr. Russel is an American citizen he must have become one on the mainland. How long Dr. Russel was on the mainland, and whether he took out his naturalization papers is a matter which only he can tell.

Why there should be any hesitation in showing that a man is an American citizen one cannot see. Impertinent curiosity upon such a matter should be turned down, and everyone would support Dr. Russel in a refusal to gratify it. But in this case it is not impertinent curiosity. It is but just and right that all should know whether, occupying the position of honor and trust which Dr. Russel now does, he is properly qualified for the office. The holding of the office, if Dr. Russel is found not to be qualified, may be fraught with very serious future results.

Dr. Russel, as far as The Star has had knowledge of him is an honorable man. He is certainly a highly cultivated man. One cannot see how it is possible for an honorable and cultivated man to refuse information upon so vital a point. If Dr. Russel is an American there is nothing more to be said. If he is not, the proper course for an honorable man is to resign. The Doctor may have been misinformed about his own qualifications. He may have thought residence on the Islands sufficient qualification. When a mistake has been made the honorable course is to acknowledge it. There are no greater sticklers for honor on the continent of Europe than Russians, and Dr. Russel has the national characteristic. Why not set the doubt at rest. It would be an honorable act.

Since the above was written, Dr. Russel has stated unequivocally that he is an American citizen.

Representative Hoogs' bill against the employment of minors in saloons is an eminently good measure and it is to be hoped that it will pass. It is a very curious thing that there never should have been any legislation in this direction before. The supposition is that as minors were not to be served with liquor, no one would think of using them to supply liquor. The law makers were at fault.

The two cent stamp upon cheques will be no longer needed after July 1. Banks have supplied their customers with cheque books with the stamp engraved. These will be no use after the above date. An Eastern paper suggests that as people do not like to lose a thing they have paid for, it would not be a bad idea for them to use their cheques to pay up their debts. It would be an inducement to do an honest act and save two cents an act. By the way this tax on cheques yielded \$7,000,000.

The Boer war is over and it now comes simply to a question of terms. The British government seems to be willing to make these as liberal as possible, subject to keeping the country in a passive state. There will be general amnesty except in certain specified cases, local self government in a modified shape will be restored, and the state will advance money for the purpose of restocking farms. The traces of the war will soon be obliterated, but the memory of it will rankle for many years.

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